Funds for the development of slums in Gujarat

4212. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how much funds have been earmarked for the development of slums in the districts viz Surat, Bharuch, Ahmedabad, Vadodara and Panchmahal of Gujarat State during the last three years;

(b) the amount allocated to different cities of these districts for that purpose, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the District Administration for the clearance of slums and for the development of slum areas of cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINITSRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The only Plan Scheme for the development of slums is the Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS) wherein funds are allocated by the State Government from its own resources. The Union Government only monitors this Scheme at the State level. As per the State Plan document of Gujarat, the amount allocated for this scheme during the last three years is as under:—

1992-93 . . .	Rs. 2.20 crores
1993-94 . . .	Rs. 3.00 crores
1994-95 . . .	Rs. 3.25 crores

(c) The present policy of the Union Government lays emphasis on the Environmental Improvement of Urbans Slums (EIUS) rather than massive clearance and resettlement. Under the Scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS), basic amenities like water supply, drainage, community baths and latrines, widening and paving of lanes and street lighting are provided in urban slums.

Facilities to women living in slum area

4213. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special facilities will be extended to women living in slum areas of the cities;

(b) whether it is a fact that the main problem for urban poor women is lack of water and sanitation;

(c) what crash plans are proposed to provide minimum facilities to urban women living in slum areas of cities;

(d) whether any plans are under implementation; and

(e) the funds allotted to Andhra Pradesh for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (e) Already under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Urban Basic Seervices for the Poor (UBSP) significant improvement in the quality of life of the urban poor is envisaged to be achieved through community organisation and mobilisation, empowerment of communities, especially of women. There is another scheme for slum improment in the State Sector called "Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS)" for providing basic amenities like water supply, sewarage, storm water drains, community baths, community latrines, widening and paving of lanes and provision of street lighting. Besides, there are slum improvement projects funded by ODA of UK in the cities of Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada in the State of Andhra Pradesh to improve the living conditions of the people living in slum which naturally benefit women beneficiaries also.

Yearwise Outlay for EIUS and UBSP during the last three years of the VIII